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THE CROP OUTLOOK

Prospect Not Flattering but Something Will Be Raised

While the crop prospects are not flattering, yet the outlook is much better than was anticipated during the almost daily rains of May and the first of June. The cotton crop will be very much reduced even with reasonable reasons from now on, as the acreage was cut short, and that which was planted got a slow start on account of early rains and so much grass.

The corn crop will fall considerably short on account of the failure to get in the bottom lands. Much corn was planted in June, which is rather late, but good seasons and a late fall will bring a fairly good yield from this planting. The hay crop is unusually good and much of it is being saved and housed in good condition. This will help out greatly in the way of feed stuff.

Two potato crops are the vogue in Tennessee this year as never before, and the yield from the two crops will be about the average. Sweet potato setting was made late on account of the cool, rainy weather of May and June, but that crop will be good according to reports.

Farmers are no longer depending on one crop, or two crops. Diversified farming, or the growing of various crops in the same sections, is in general practice. In the future, under the advice and direction of state and federal experts, our farmers should take advantage of many new lessons, and Carroll county will come to the front as one of the leading agricultural sections of the state.

Blankenship Resigns

Moore Blankenship, for the past two years with the Tennessee banking department as state auditor, resigned the past week and is again with the Milan Banking Company as assistant cashier. Mr. Blankenship is one of the most efficient bankers of the state, and his host of friends and patrons of the bank are very glad to welcome him back to Milan.

WILL FACE COURT

Lloyd-George Makes announcement to Parliament

The prime minister, Mr. Lloyd-George, delivered in the house of commons an explanation of the peace treaty, which he described as "the most momentous document to which the British Empire ever affixed its seal."

Though showing the effects of his long labors at Paris and lacking his usual fire, the premier at times made impassioned utterances and was loudly cheered. His announcement that the former German emperor would soon be placed on trial before a tribunal sitting in London was cheered most of all, while his presentation of Anglo-French convention, providing for British aid if Germany should attack France unprovoked—a convention analogous to one between the United States and France—was greeted with unrestrained approval.

Discussing the determination of the allied and associated powers to place on trial William Hohenzollern, the former emperor, as the man held chiefly responsible for the war, he declared that if such a course had been followed after other wars "there would have been fewer wars." It was the intention to make such an example of Germany as to discourage others from "ever again attempting to repeat this infamy."

Humboldt Strawberries

A special from Humboldt says: About \$281,610 was the value of the strawberry crop to farmers

surrounding Humboldt during the year 1919. The money value of the crop this year was the greatest of many years on account of the prevailing high prices. Ninety-one cars of berries and twenty-nine cars of preserved berries were shipped from this point during the season. It takes 420 crates to make a car, therefore the 149 cars of raw berries consisted of 62,580 crates. The average prices paid to growers was \$4.50 a crate, and the highest price paid was near the beginning of the season, when berries brought \$6.96 per twenty-four quarts.

The strawberry acreage was smaller this year than ordinary, due to the shortage of hands on account of the war, but now since plenty of help is available, indications are that there will be a large increase in acreage of berries for next year.

Tipton Votes Bonds

The Tipton county court last Monday passed a resolution for the issuance of \$135,000 road bonds for the purpose of co-operating with and securing state and federal aid in the construction of the Jeff Davis and Bristol-to-Memphis highways through that county. That makes certain the completion at an early date of another link in the Bristol-to-Memphis highway.

ARRESTED IN MICHIGAN

After Six Years Will Be Brought to Trial

Sheriff S. G. Aden left for Michigan the latter part of last week after Dave Wilder, and will likely return with him today, to be put on trial for a heinous crime committed six years ago.

July 12, 1913, Dave Wilder shot and killed Mrs. Bettie Green, wife of John Green, and fired one or more shots at his own wife, Mrs. Lillie Wilder. Mrs. Wilder dropped to the ground and the brutal husband, thinking she was killed, turned and left the scene of his brutality.

Mr. Aden was sheriff at that time and made diligent effort to bring about Wilder's arrest, but he got out of the county and has been at liberty ever since. A Michigan officer telegraphed the sheriff that he could be had if wanted, and Sheriff Aden directed his arrest.

Mr. Green, husband of the murdered woman, has married again and Wilder's wife resides with her father.

CARROLL COUNTY COURT

Vote Tax for Schools and to Aid Road Construction

In addition to the annual routine of business Monday, the Carroll county quarterly court made appropriations for the betterment of the roads and health conditions in the county and added five cents to the tax rate for schools.

Dr. Jones, representing the state board of health, presented forcefully and eloquently the need of rural sanitation, stating that the state, with the help of the Rockefeller fund, stood ready to spend three dollars to the county's one for health improvements and that 71 counties in the state had adopted the work. The initial appropriation of \$600 was readily made and the work will be instituted at an early date.

Following Dr. Jones' speech, Dr. G. C. Bryant, of McMoresville; Dr. Dennison, of McKenzie; Dr. R. A. Douglass and Dr. J. B. Cox, of Huntingdon, made short talks endorsing the appropriation. The county board of health had also recommended that the county make the appropriation.

A committee was appointed to buy tractors, drags and graders for road work and the county judge—Judge Wilson Enoch—was empowered to attend to the issuance and sale of road bonds under the recent act of the legislature to meet the apportionments from the federal and state governments.

The act of the legislature, which was adopted by the quarterly court, provides for the issuance of \$85,000 to \$200,000 bonds by the county, which, combined with the maximum amounts, \$200,000 each from the state and federal governments, provides \$600,000 for Carroll county roads.

The court passed a motion granting Mrs. Linnie Carter the use of the circuit court room for operating a moving picture show. She proposes buying a fine outfit and having it ready for operation by August 1.

Hard on Bootleggers

Judge Sanford, of the federal court of East Tennessee, has announced that penitentiary sentences are to be imposed on persons convicted in his court on charges of bootlegging. In his charge he declared that the bootlegger is the most contemptible and cowardly of all internal revenue violators, and that he has decided that to impose heavy sentences on him as the only solution of the ever increasing violations.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

Much Unassessed Property Being Discovered

The investigations being made over the state by the state equalization board is revealing some astonishing facts. Much valuable property is being discovered that has escaped taxation entirely, while much other property is greatly under assessed. While there is some property assessed at more than its real value, yet, it is believed, that the new assessment, when completed as planned, will show more than double the amount of taxable property in the state as compared with the 1919 assessment.

The board announces that it has found that no method of reaching a uniform assessment basis can be had short of actual cash value of all property, and states that this will not increase taxes because of the operation of the sliding scale rate, which automatically comes down as the values are increased. It is the belief of the board that when the assessments have finally been made it will show that property in Tennessee has been assessed at less than half the actual cash value. It is also the opinion of the board that enough personal property will be uncovered to provide sufficient revenue to cover the cost of the investigations many times over.

Mr. Leslie, who is making the investigation for this county, finds rather a surprising condition. Much of the valuable property, especially the large farms, is assessed at less than one-fourth of its actual cash value. The smaller and cheaper farms are assessed at more nearly their real value. Much valuable property has thus escaped taxation. It is believed that the assessed value of property in the county will be more than doubled.

Under this condition the rate will be greatly reduced, and the man who has been paying taxes on property properly assessed will see his taxes reduced, but the man who has been escaping taxation, will find his taxes increased, and thus the necessary revenue will be secured without increasing the burdens of the taxpayers of the state.

Vote Road Tax

The county court of Benton county met in quarterly session Monday with Judge S. A. Clement presiding. The most important question disposed of was the road question. The commission re-

mended a 50-cents special tax, but the court in session voted the recommendation down and passed a resolution calling a special election in August to let people vote on the question of a special tax for roads, and if the measure carries the special levy will not be less than 50 cents nor more than \$1, in the discretion of the court. The bond question was voted down every time presented.

It is to be hoped that the county will at least decide to take care of the Memphis-to-Bristol highway, as other counties along the route are doing and preparing to do. It would be unfortunate indeed if Benton should by a vote of her people decline to meet the demands of the state and federal government to build this road after they have offered to pay two-thirds of the expense of the construction. We believe the county will do its duty along this line and shall watch the result of the election with much interest.

Soldiers Reunion

There will be an old soldiers reunion at Shiloh, in the Ninth district, Thursday July 24.

Capt. Gordon Browning will be the principal speaker and he will also drill all the soldiers of the late war who may be present. The soldier boys are asked to attend in uniform. A picnic dinner will be served on the ground.

ROAD BUILDING

Highway From Huntingdon to Reelfoot Lake Assured

Those of our people who are interested in the highway from Huntingdon to Reelfoot Lake will be gratified to know that the building of this road is practically assured. The following special from Dresden gives the action of the quarterly court of Weakley county at its session Monday.

"By a vote of 42 to 7, the quarterly court of Weakley county authorized a bond issue of \$125,000 for road purposes, after an explanation had been made by W. W. House, chairman of the state highway commission. The opposition conducted a stubborn fight, making a plea for a referendum, which was defeated. The road will be completed from McKenzie through Gleason, Dresden and Martin and to the Obion county line, a distance of approximately 40 miles."

The action of the Carroll county court insures the building of the Carroll county portion of this road, and we see no reason why work should not begin at an early date.

WILSON RETURNS

Thousands Welcome the President to New York

President Wilson returned to New York from Europe Tuesday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock. After passing through streets lined with cheering thousands proceeded to Carnegie Hall, where in a brief address he expressed confidence that America would not fail to lend her hand of assistance to those she had made free. He left at 6:45 for Washington. The cheering at times during his speech, was so great that the band had to interrupt while the speaker waited. It was described as tremendous and wild.

Four dreadnoughts and thirty-six destroyers from the Atlantic fleet formed the escort that met the United States naval transport George Washington, with President Wilson aboard, thirty miles east of Sandy Hook.

In the harbor were forty-five warships, headed by the flagship Pennsylvania with Admiral Henry B. Wilson aboard, assigned to join the out-harbor escort. Vice-President Marshall and members of the cabinet were assigned to the Pennsylvania, while the city's officials welcoming party headed by mayor Hylan and Gov. Smith, were passengers aboard the municipal steamer and patrols.

The president had been away seven months, and during that time had taken a leading part in preparing a peace treaty that Gov. Smith termed, "worthy of the honor, dignity and majesty of this great country."

Marriage Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Parish of Huntingdon announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Nona Marie, and Mr. Frank Warren Cequin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Cequin of Fulton, Ky., at their home, Wednesday August, 6.

NEW ROAD MACHINERY

Court Ordered Purchase of Road Tractor, Grader and Drag

The quarterly court last Monday passed a resolution ordering the purchase of a road tractor, grader and drag. The machinery, we understand, will cost about \$2,500, and it is to be used by road builders of the county. It will first be used by the citizens of Huntingdon and the Eleventh district, who have a fund already subscribed of \$2,500 to be used on the roads of this district.

If the tryout proves successful, advantageous and economical to the county, it is very likely that two other outfits will be purchased for the use of the county. There was but very little opposition to the purchase, and the court is to be congratulated for this progressive movement.

Shipping Green Tomatoes

The green tomato packing process being introduced extensively in the tomato growing section is proving quite a valuable acquisition to the growers of that crop. Wagon loads of green tomatoes are brought in to the large packing sheds, where they are sold to the packers at a better price than the ripe product brings. This crop is much better than expected and good prices obtain, bringing much money into the tomato growing sections. Some of our Trezevant and Atwood growers are hauling their green tomatoes to Milan and selling them to the packers.

National Holiday

The national assembly has enacted a law making June 28 hereafter a national fest day, in celebration of the establishment of peace throughout the world by the signing of the treaty of peace at Versailles.

The Grand Leader's

COMFORT BEGINS

With Your Underwear and Cool Top Clothes

There's no finer foundation for genuine hot weather comfort than the splendid Union Suits and Cool Top Clothing shown in a wide variety of specially woven fabrics that are as soft as down and as cool as a bay breeze—tailored in a custom-like way by the same clever workmen who have made Cluett Peabody the by-word for good Shirts and Collars all over the United States. See them—Feel them—Wear them—and you'll never worry about the heat.

Union Suits 50c up to \$2.50 Suit

Cluett Shirts \$1.50 and more

Cool Suits \$10.00 to \$25.00

Silk Sox 75c to \$1.50

Lisle Sox 25c to 60c

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